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	C&E Manager's Report	CE12/119

Recent Equals Card Payments (C&E Minute 130, 09.04.24 / C&E Minute 64d, 25.11.25)

Junior Council sashes for Ladies Day parade £12.31+VAT (4371 – youth engagement).

Benedict's Law (Minute 108 14.04.26)

At the last meeting, the C&E Manager was asked to research Bernard's Law [Benedict's Law] and report back any potential implications for management of the Town Hall.

The aim of the School Allergy Safety Bill (Benedict's Law) is to improve allergy safety in schools and it will replace existing non-statutory advice. From September, schools will be required to hold adrenaline auto-injectors such as EpiPens.

The Chief Officer contacted our Health and Safety consultant for advice and the consultant's response is copied below:

Benedict's Law will apply to schools only, as of September 2026.

In terms of holding EpiPens in workplaces, trained First Aiders are not permitted to administer prescribed drugs, however there is an exception in the NHS guidance to say that a lay person can administer adrenaline (via an EpiPen) in the event of 'saving a life in an emergency' (a bit like the advice on using a defibrillator).

Most individuals who require an EpiPen, inhaler etc. have them as a prescribed medication, so usually the person supplies their own. First Aiders aren't generally trained to administer EpiPens and inhalers, however they can help an individual to self-administer, then call 999 if required.

If there is someone on site with a severe, life-threatening allergy then it may be worth looking at specific training for the First Aiders. If it's more for a 'just in case' scenario, then we wouldn't usually recommend additional training or holding EpiPens on site. You would also need to consider whether a First Aider would be comfortable in administering an EpiPen if required.

Allotments

The IT Consultant has created a bespoke tenancy renewal system for allotment administration to replace the previous PandaDoc subscription which was not meeting our needs. The new system has been used successfully for the April 2026 renewals and all tenancy renewals have been completed.

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